

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 BANGKO 07692 141221Z
ACTION EA-06

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 NSCE-00 HA-02 PM-03 SP-02
L-01 INR-05 CIAE-00 NSAE-00 DODE-00 /034 W
-----100466 141301Z /53

P R 141140Z MAR 78
FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 1530
INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE
AMCONSUL UDORN

C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 7692

LIMDIS

EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: SREF
SUBJECT: MEO REFUGEES

1. DURING CALL MARCH 14 ON GENERAL THUANATHONG SUVANADAT, SENIOR AIDE TO PRIME MINISTER, EMBOFF EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER REPORTS OF MEO TRIBESMEN FLEEING INTO THAILAND AS A RESULT OF LPDR/SRV MILITARY ACTION AGAINST THE MEO. EMBOFF TOLD GENERAL THUANATHONG THAT WE THOUGHT THERE SHOULD BE PARTICULARLY SYMPATHY FOR PLIGHT OF MEO WHO WERE NOT APPARENTLY UNDER SUSTAINED ATTACK BY COMBINED LAO/ VIETNAMESE FORCES EQUIPPED WITH MODERN WEAPONRY. EMBOFF SAID IT WOULD BE TRAGIC IF MEO ATTEMPTING TO FLEE WERE REFUSED ENTRY AND AS A RESULT WERE TRAPPED ON LAO SIDE OF MEKONG.

2. GENERAL THUANATHONG SAID HE WAS NOT FULLY INFORMED ON THE MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS BUT HAD ALREADY REQUESTED A FULL UPDATING BY HIS STAFF. HE SAID HE UNDERSTOOD OUR CONCERN AND SHARED IT. HE SAID THAT ANY EXCLUSIONARY ACTIONS COULD ONLY BE RESULT OF OVERZEALOUS LOCAL OFFICIALS ACTING ON THEIR OWN
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 BANGKO 07692 141221Z

INITIATIVE TO RESTRICT THE FLOW OF THE MEO, NOT AS A RESULT OF CENTRAL GOVERNMENT POLICY DIRECTIONS. THUANATHONG PROMISED HE WOULD LOOK INTO THE MATTER AND EMBOFF INDICATED HE WOULD CHECK BACK WITH THE GENERAL.

3. PRESS REPORTS INDICATE THAT LOCAL THAI ARMY COMMANDER HAS

OBTAINED AGREEMENT FROM LPDR COMMANDER ON ISLAND JUST OFF THAI
SIDE OF MEKONG TO REFRAIN FROM SHOOTING INTO THAILAND AFTER
FLEEING MEO. LPDR COMMANDER REPORTEDLY INDICATED HE WOULD
NEVERTHELESS CONTINUE TO ATTEMPT TO STOP THE FLEEING
MEO.
WHITEHOUSE

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, POLITICAL SITUATION
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 14 mar 1978
Decaption Date: 20 Mar 2014
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978BANGKO07692
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780113-0013
Format: TEL
From: BANGKOK
Handling Restrictions:
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780373/aaaacjtg.tel
Line Count: 68
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 0dfbf5c7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: ONLY
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3346558
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: MEO REFUGEES
TAGS: SREF, TH, (THUANATHONG SUVANADAT)
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/0dfbf5c7-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014